

<b>FWP: Enforcement</b>		<b>Agency/Program #:</b> 5201-04-G1
		<b>Division:</b>
		<b>Program:</b>
<b>Agency Name:</b>	Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks	
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**Program or Project Description:**

The Enforcement Division enforces all fish, wildlife, and parks' laws of Montana, department rules, and commission regulations. Division personnel also enforce state boating and snowmobile rules and regulations as well as private property laws and regulations as they deal with fishing and hunting.

Appropriation, Expenditure and Source				
Fund Name:	2008		2009	
	Approp.	Expended	Approp.	Expended
General Fund				
State Special				
Federal Funds				
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Approp & Expenditure numbers are as of April 15, 2007

Not Provided

**Legislative Goal(s):**

Reduce the number and impact of major wildlife crimes.

**Legislative Performance Measures :**

1. Hire Regional Investigators and implement 2007 legislation including the outfitter felony statutes, warden vacancy savings exemption, restitution redirection, and duplicate license fraud.
2. Submit at least 50 major cases for prosecution each year.
3. Increase restitution payments by violators to \$200,000 per year by 2010.
4. Perform a minimum of 25 sportsman group presentations or TIPMONT trailer displays emphasizing poaching in Montana.

2009 Biennium Significant Milestones:		Completion Dates	
		Target	Actual
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**Agency Performance Report:**

- Two regional investigators were hired in September 2007. FWP redirected one existing position, and the 2007 Legislature approved two additional positions. There are now 6 investigators stationed across the state. In FY 08, statewide investigators' efforts as of May 1, 2008 have resulted in the following:
- 35 felony cases being charged;
- 296 misdemeanor cases being charged;
- Resulted in \$85,190 in fines and \$144,344 in restitution assessed.
- 3,764 months (313.6 years)

Of the statewide cases, the new investigators (1 redirected and 2 legislatively approved) were responsible for:

- 12 felony cases charged;
- 68 misdemeanor cases charged;
- Resulted in \$18,170 in fines and \$101,694 in restitution assessed;
- Privilege suspensions totaling 1,667 months (139.9 years)

Overall, the efforts of the investigators have demonstrated the degree of unlawful activity that affects the state's fish, wildlife and parks resources. This level of law enforcement work directed at major wildlife crimes has been and continues to be supported by the hunters, anglers, and the general public.

**LFD Narrative:**

LFD ASSESSMENT: Warning

DATA RELEVANCE: The data received addresses three of the four performance measures.

APPROPRIATION STATUS: The agency did not provide an estimate of appropriations and expenditures for this goal.

COMMENTS/ISSUE: The Regional Investigators are at 70% of goal for felony cases, 73% of goal of restitution. The program did not report on the status of presentations to sportsman groups. A warning was provided due to the lack of information regarding the presentations and the status of expenditures.;

OPTIONS for the committee:

1) accept the ranking and receive another report, 2) accept and eliminate further follow up; or 3) upgrade to on-track.



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Change Description